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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephone interview conducted on 10/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 16-18, 21-33, 36-38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION***EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David R. Kemeny, (Registration No 57,241) on 10/23/2006. **Claims 2-5, 7-13, 16-18** depend on a re-numbered claim 41. In the pervious office action, independent claim 41 is re-numbered as independent claim 1.

Therefore, In order to correct this, Applicant has agreed to re-number/change the dependency of the dependent **claims 2-5, 7-13 and 16-18**, in such a way that these claims now depend **on claim 1, instead of a canceled claim 41.**

The application has been amended as follows :**In the claims:**

2. (Currently amended) In claim 2, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"
3. (Currently amended) In claim 3, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"
4. (Currently amended) In claim 4, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"
5. (Currently amended) In claim 5, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"
7. (Currently amended) In claim 7, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"
8. (Currently amended) In claim 8, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"
9. (Currently amended) In claim 9, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

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10. (Currently amended) In claim 10, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

11. (Currently amended) In claim 11, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

12. (Currently amended) In claim 12, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

13. (Currently amended) In claim 13, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

16. (Currently amended) In claim 16, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

17. (Currently amended) In claim 17, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

18. (Currently amended) In claim 18, please delete "claim 41" and replace with "claim1"

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am---4: 30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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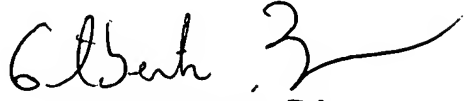
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